

A  
M E T H O D  
Proposed to the  
Honourable House of Commons  
For Ordering and Collecting the *DUTIES* to be Paid to  
His M A J E S T Y  
U P O N  
Births, Marriages, unmarried Persons, & Burials.

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That every such *Register* may be impowered to appoint Collectors under him, for whom he shall be answerable.

That such *Register* make up his Accounts, upon Oath, in the same manner; and Pay his Monies into the *Exchequer*, at Sheriffs Account and Pay: And that the same be done in every Term, by the Registers for the Province of *Canterbury*, and twice a Year by the Registers within the Province of *Tork*.

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That every person, under the Degree of a Knight, shall be distinguished as by the late *Pole Act*, and so Chargable, or not, as the Estate shall be valuable, to be Assessed as in usual manner, and discharged by oath, in case of Non-ability, and Commissioners of the Land Tax to be Commissioners in this, to determine as in other cases of persons over-charged by Assessments.

A Borrowing Clause as hath been before done in this present Parliament.